

VIRGINIA STATON DEROSSETT

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Virginia Staton DeRossett who will soon be celebrating her 95th birthday on November 1, 2018. A resident of Clinton County in the First District of Kentucky, Ms. DeRossett diligently served her country throughout her twenty-year tenure at the Pentagon. In addition to her civil service during World War II and the Korean war, her three brothers served in our nation's military, further solidifying her sense of duty.

An exemplary community servant, Ms. DeRossett retired from the Pentagon in 1962 and is still an active, engaged member of the community who continually seeks opportunities to better the lives of her fellow citizens.

Ms. DeRossett's patriotic spirit and dedication to her country are rivaled only by her fervent commitment to her family and her conservative ideology. I join with her family and loved ones—including her daughter and her extended family—in celebrating her lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing her valiant efforts to safeguard our nation's freedoms.

**HONORING FOOD NETWORK STAR
CHEF GUY FIERI**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Guy Fieri, a selfless humanitarian and entrepreneur, for his inspiring contributions to disaster relief during the ongoing wildfires in Northern California.

Mr. Fieri is a longtime resident of Sonoma and Lake Counties along with his wife, Lori, and their two sons, Hunter and Ryder. Mr. Fieri's first restaurant opened in 1996 in the heart of Santa Rosa, and he has since grown his businesses throughout California and around the world. He is a New York Times bestselling author, an admired television personality, and a renowned chef and winemaker.

Mr. Fieri is also a noble humanitarian who began working around the clock to feed first responders when the Carr Fire first broke out in Shasta County. He then spent days at evacuation centers in Lower Lake, Middletown, and Kelseyville where he worked alongside Operation BBQ Relief and World Central Kitchen to provide meals for firefighters and thousands of evacuees impacted by the Ranch and River Fires.

The ongoing wildfires have been devastating to our communities. Firefighters, first responders and public safety officials are working day and night to protect our communities from further damage. The contributions of Mr. Fieri have been instrumental in aiding these public servants and facilitating evacuations.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fieri is an exceptional member of our community. His contributions to disaster relief have been outstanding, and I am beyond words of gratitude for his service and aid. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Guy Fieri here today.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF BILL AND SHERLYN JACKSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Bill and Sherlyn Jackson.

On Friday, August 17, 2018, Bill and Sherlyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Savannah, Georgia. The trip was an anniversary gift from their children.

Bill and Sherlyn met as neighbors growing up in Talladega, Alabama, and got to know each other through school. They were 5th grade sweethearts and started dating their senior year of high school and all through college.

Bill and Sherlyn were married while Bill was finishing law school at the University of Alabama. The Jacksons were blessed with two children: Amy and Brad, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating my dear friends, Bill and Sherlyn, on this exciting occasion. Happy 50th wedding anniversary.

**TRIBUTE TO JEAN AND KEN
SWARTOUT**

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jean and Ken Swartout of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 2, 1968 in Council Bluffs.

Jean and Ken's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE DEE J. KELLY LAW LEARNING CENTER AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the Dee J. Kelly Law Learning Center at George Washington University Law School.

Dee J. Kelly, Sr. was a dear friend of mine. His dedication and public service to Fort

Worth pioneered the growth and development that we see in the community today. The dedication of the Dee J. Kelly Law Learning Center is well-deserved, and I was honored to be invited to the very special event. I include in the RECORD the remarks of those who spoke at the ceremony last Friday, August 31, 2018.

REMARKS BY BLAKE MORANT, DEAN OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

It is indeed a great privilege for me to lead this dedication ceremony—my first since arriving at GW Law four years ago. Dee J. Kelly was an extraordinarily distinguished and cherished alumnus of our law school whose contributions to GW Law and the legal profession were myriad. I will be honored to say a few words about Mr. Kelly's illustrious life and career in a moment, but first I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Cindy, Craig, Dee Jr. and the rest of the Kelly family for your immense generosity.

Many thanks, as well, to the dedicated faculty and staff of the GW Law community for their invaluable contributions through the years. And finally, a special thank you to Dean Scott Pagel and Karen Whal for your many hours of work with the Kelly family to archive and display the fascinating collection of Dee J. Kelly's memorabilia.

The late Dee J. Kelly, who graduated from our law school in 1954, was a giant of the legal profession, whose myriad accomplishments brought us great pride. Mr. Kelly, who founded Kelly Hart & Hallman, was one of the most prominent lawyers in Texas with offices in Fort Worth, Austin, New Orleans and Midland. He was also a force in state politics as a fundraiser and power broker on the local level in Fort Worth and as the friend of numerous governors, state officials and U.S. presidents.

In addition to his myriad professional achievements, he is remembered as a philanthropist and served on a number of nonprofit boards including the Van Cliburn Foundation, Sam Rayburn Foundation, and UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Center.

Finally, he was a great supporter of education as evidenced by his support of his undergraduate alma mater, Texas Christian University (TCU), his law school GW Law, and other Texas institutions including Texas A&M University School of Law. His name will live on in perpetuity here at GW Law, where we will forever be proud to call him an alumnus of our law school.

REMARKS BY THOMAS J. LEBLANC, PRESIDENT
OF GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Thank you, Dean Morant. I am delighted to join all of you to honor the legacy of Dee Kelly, Sr., and to celebrate the dedication of the Dee J. Kelly Law Learning Center.

I am so pleased that the Kelly family could be here today for this special occasion. I especially want to thank Cindy, Craig and Dee, whose collective philanthropy in memory of their father has made today's dedication possible. I would also like to thank the current and former public officials here for joining us.

We are here today to celebrate the dedication and loyalty of Dee Kelly to his alma mater.

From what I have learned about the life of the late Dee J. Kelly, Sr., his legacy of service through law and philanthropy embodies what it means to be a GW Law alumnus, and we are pleased to continue his legacy for generations of GW Law students to come.

I know that our students will be inspired and motivated by Dee's incredible life and career, which were distinguished by hard work, diligence and a commitment to all that he did—and, as such, the resulting success and respect he earned and deserved from so many, including each of us here today.